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There is much chatter about this case--most of it saying that the DOJ is caving-in to Microsoft. I have to agree. And while there should be a penalty, I also realise that this wish is a pipe dream.

This case is moving toward dismissal. I understand Microsoft has already been convicted, but it seems after the conviction was handed down that the court said, "Oops, that's not what we meant to do. Now you boys go out back and find a way to fix this mistake. We use too much Microsoft software around here to deal with breaking up a company we do so much business with."

And that is the crux of the matter, whether the courts, the DOJ, Microsoft, or anyone else wants to admit it. As long as major pieces of judicial infrastructure (the software used to administer the judicial system) comes from one company, Microsoft, then the courts will never have the guts to do their job honestly. They will continue to pretend to themselves and the world that they are immune to bias.

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